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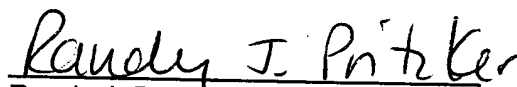
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- ☒ Form PTO-1449 and References
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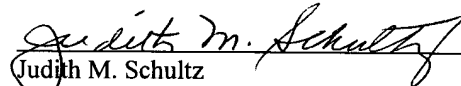
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case.

No fee or certification is required.

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. §102.

Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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PART II: Information Cited

A. [X] The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

B. [X] The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications that may contain subject matter related to this application:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Title of Application</u>
09/469,043	12/21/99	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STERILIZING SMALL OBJECTS
60/279,053	03/27/01	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RAPIDLY STERILIZING IRREGULAR-SHAPED OBJECTS
60/298,790	06/15/01	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISINFECTING CATHETERS AND ENTRANCE SITES
60/300,803	06/25/01	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISINFECTING CATHETERS AND CATHETER ENTRANCE SITES
60/302,861	07/03/01	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STERILIZING FLUID FOR MEDICAL AND OTHER APPLICATIONS
60/316,744	08/31/01	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISINFECTING WOUND SITES
60/334,722	10/31/01	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISINFECTING CATHETER ENTRANCE SITES WITH A DRESSING

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified) are enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

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